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REMARKS

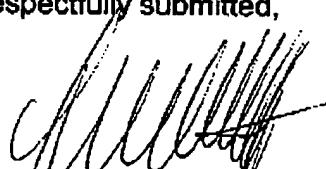
This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Original claims 1-8 are part of the original International PCT application PCT/DE2003/003858 and have been determined by the International Bureau as having novelty and inventiveness. Applicant has amended claims 1 to 8 to remove any multiple dependency of the claims and to eliminate any informalities so as to present the claims in proper form and language. Applicant asserts that these amendments are cosmetic in nature and that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel. Claims 9 and 10 have been added to set forth subject matter deleted from original claims.

In addition, applicant has amended the specification to present it in proper form and language. Especially, applicant has provided the specification with proper headings, and substituted the terms "tape binding" with --wrap-- and "friction-locked" with --force-fitting-- to better reflect the meaning of German terms "Bandage" and "kraftschlüssig", respectively. The Abstract and the title of the disclosure have been amended accordingly.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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